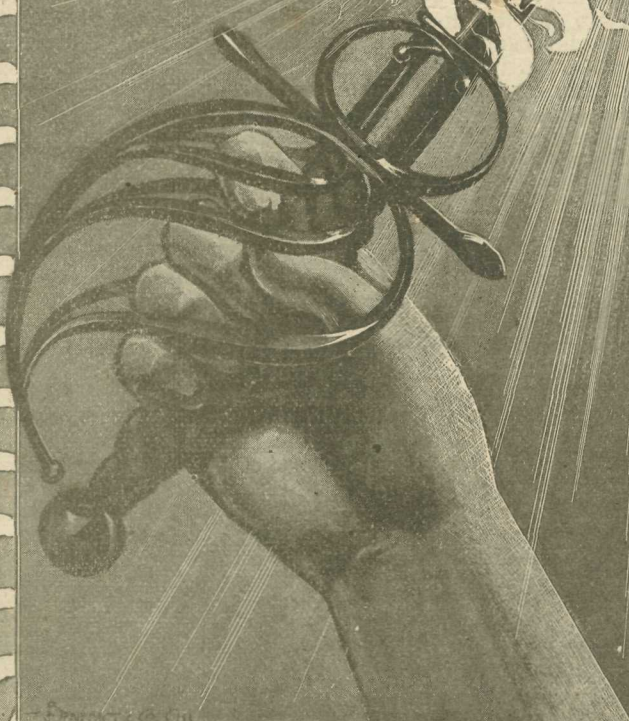


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surprise that such a vigorous, outspoken, and fearless journal exists! Every issue is eagerly looked for each week, and the contents are studied from beginning to end.

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After two years of weekly visits of **THE FLAMING SWORD**, our readers doubtless feel well acquainted with its writers, whose productions fill its columns. First in importance and position always, are the profound articles fresh from the pen of the Founder of Koreshanity, the Leader of our work, and the Teacher of the great truths we promulgate. We are proud of our able corps of writers, who are handling the great questions of the hour with force and emphasis. It is interesting to note here that **THE FLAMING SWORD** is exerting a great influence through the reform press. We know of no publication whose contents are more widely and frequently quoted. During the past year, over 10,000 lines have been reproduced in the religious and reform press of the world; every mail brings us exchanges containing paragraphs clipped from our pages.

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"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."

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The Origin of the Baptist Church.

The Futility of the Effort to Trace the Baptist Church to Apostolic Times; the Modern Sect Unlike the Primitive Church in Doctrine and Practice.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH pretends to date its origin to John the Baptist. It certainly derives its name from the Baptizer, and tries to date its origin back at least to Apostolic times. The name, therefore, is derived from *one* man. Is the Baptist church either a Christian or a John the Baptist church? is a question we regard as worthy of consideration. The doctrines of the Baptist church are neither derived from John the Baptist, nor from the Lord. "Have ye received the Holy Ghost? * * * We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. * * * Unto what, then, were ye baptized? And they said, unto John's baptism." John's baptism was by natural water; the Lord's baptism was the operation of the Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of the trinity (the tripersonality of the Godhead) was derived from the old mother of harlots, Rome, of which the Baptist church is a daughter. The Baptist church carries the mark of the beast, in that she denies both the biunity and triunity of the Godhead. The Scriptures teach that the Lord Jesus, the Christ of God, is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, or the fulness of the Godhead bodily. This is emphatically denied by every Baptist we have ever had the opportunity to meet, in the discussion of the subject.

If the Baptist church can deny that it derives its name from John the Baptist, we would like to see the proofs. If it can prove that it derived either its doctrine or its name from the Lord or his disciples, we would like to examine the proofs on that score. John the Baptist

was not an expositor of the New Testament Scriptures; and as the founder of the Baptist church, we are of the opinion, in view of the fact that so much historical obscurity accompanies the records of its origin, that the line of descent into which the mother of harlots infiltrated her fundamental doctrines, had its origin in the people whom John baptized, but who never accepted the Messiah.

The Christian church had its origin in one man; but according to prediction, the entire church, including the Baptist, has apostatized. The fact that a church existed during the dark ages and the Reformation, which baptized by immersion, and that the Baptist denomination struggles to identify itself with such a body of people, is not sufficient proof of the continuity of that body, from the original Christianity. No church starting from early Christianity would have dubbed itself Baptist, in contradistinction to Christian; hence an effort to trace the name and origin to the Lord or to John, is a perfect absurdity, unless we assume that it is derived from the followers of John who never accepted the Christ.

The Waldenses were not Trinitarians; they were a body of dualists, and so were the Albigenses. The claim of the Baptists that these people constituted a line of Baptists, is the height of absurdity, in so much as they did not believe in the doctrine of the trinity, as now constituting a part of the Baptist creed. That baptism by immersion has been handed down from the

fourth century, there is no doubt; but that the entire body was included in the immersion before the fourth century, is very questionable. John the Baptist and the disciples of the Lord merely baptized the feet; the Lord himself setting the example. The Baptists claim that burial by immersion represents purification. If so, then the statement of the Lord settles the question of the character of the baptism or immersion, because he girded himself with a towel, took a basin of water, and washed his apostles' feet. When He came to Peter, he protested, saying, "Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, if I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, he that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit."

This means merely, that the head—the Lord, will

extend his life down to the feet of the dispensation, for his life will be resurrected in the sons of God, who, constituting the foot of the age or dispensation, will be clean. The washing or baptizing of the feet, typified the purification to come at the end of the age. The thousands baptized by the apostles, went down into the water and came up out of the water, and their feet were baptized. There is no account of the entire body being ducked under the water, as is the custom of the Baptist church. The fact that this is the mode of baptism by the Baptist church, is positive proof that it was a revival of an idea under a false conception of the original mode, and that there was a lapse of time sufficient to allow the genuine type to pass out of mind. We maintain, with the Baptist church, that *baptizo* signifies to immerse; but we also maintain that the immersion of the feet fulfils the meaning of the term, upon which so much stress has been laid by this denomination.

The Unveiling of all Mystery.

The Laws of the Creation and Perpetuity of the Human World Revealed Through the Science of the Physical Cosmos.

BERTHALDINE, MATRONA.

THE CELLULAR Cosmogony, involving as it does the presentation of the divine human as the origin and destiny of all creation, is the culminating and most sublime scientific revelation possible to the mind of Deity, by the voice and pen of man. This scientific revelation of the divine human and his environment, can be appreciated at its true value only by the mind projecting it, and by those to whom that mind imparts itself for their absorption into its own central consciousness.

The Lord, it is written, awakes as one out of sleep, and is likened to "a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine." God in his humanity, as the seed, Jehovah, makes his bed in hell, and sleeps in it the sleep of death—as to his natural life. He lays down his life in the flesh, for the life of the world. He lays it down, however, with power to take it again from the soil in which he plants himself as the seed, for the reproduction of his kind. This soil is the *debris* of a prior creation of God's animal life, and though but *debris*, it holds the elements transmutable to the forces of his recreation and multiplication.

When the Holy Seed dies in mortal humanity, He voluntarily yields to it all his progressive energies; these absorb and draw upward from plane to plane, of spiritual existence, every ascending aspiration of the mortal man, until, in the fulness of times, all the progressive energies which have been "as a fire infolding itself" in the race, refocalize in the mind of the circumferential man, in the median line of human evolution, most bereft of God, and most supreme in capacity for his reception and indwelling.

The energies of the Lord descending from his theoc-

crasis, in returning and ascending Godward, are as an advocate before the throne of God, the intellectual principle, for that judgment which scientifically condemns sin in the flesh, and enables the man begotten of God to receive the science of his laws in their application to life, and to so apply them and enter into their divine covenant relations, that he may be born again into God's image and likeness—a living soul.

The mortal race is restless, and in anguish with the pains of a universe in travail for the reproduction of its King and Creator, its Almighty Father-Mother—God in the flesh. This stellar Center of the solar realm of natural being is eternal in quality, but timic in material manifestation, to the external vision of humanity. The times and locations of Deific manifestations must be learned by the waiting humanity, from the Father of all science, the mighty one of impregnative forces, when he comes in fulfilment of his own scientific prophecies and promises as the great Prophet. When he comes, he can scientifically explain and demonstrate these prophecies. The manifestation of Deity in the scientific degree, is the solar luminary, the enlightener of all spheres under the sun. Mortal men, unenlightened from this supreme source of light,—are ever learning, and ever failing to come to a knowledge of the truth. They burrow like moles in the darkness of the earth, for the treasures of the universe absorbed by the sun.

The Lord says, I will not give my glory to another. To possess the glory of the sun is possible, and is attainable by the sacrifice of all under the sun that is of the earth, earthy. This may be done by confessing the Son of man—by polarization, and by centering in him all our thoughts and aspirations, and by devoting to

him all our earth-born energies; this will insure our final absorption into his Deity, and our joint heirship of the universe.

The Cellular Cosmogony gives us the science of the creation of the alchemico-organic sun, and from this we may learn, by the law of analogy, the science of the creation of the organo-vital or anthropotic sun, the seed and savior of perpetual universal life. Possessing this science, we may turn to the sacred Scriptures of all races, and scientifically interpret all the messages of inspiration given by the prophets of God, raised up among them to guide them in the fulfilment of their destinies. All races have prophecies concerning the primal or Adamic man, the Son of God,—the anthropotic progenitor of the universe, reserved for true science to interpret; and this is the time for all hidden or occult things to be scientifically revealed. Now is the time for the dispelling of mysteries, and for the imperial sway of knowledge.

The thoughtless often wonder why benighted humanity should be asked to study so profound a science as that of Cellular Cosmogony, for the light of salvation. We answer, just because humanity is so benighted by fallacy, that its salvation is impossible without its most thorough enlightenment by truth.

If a man starts out to reach a certain town on a dark night, and places his confidence for guidance in some one who does not know the location of the town, and who guides him in the direction leading from it, he will, in the course of time, discover that he is not approaching the town; and when he learns that he has wandered far from it, he will, if he has good sense, quit following his ignorant guide, and will "right about face," and accept no further guidance till he finds one who can satisfactorily demonstrate his intelligence and ability to guide.

The Founder of the Koreshan System has certainly demonstrated his intelligence concerning the form and functions of the universe man longs to inherit, and concerning its origin and destiny. If this enables us to recognize his ability to guide us into all truth, we may safely follow in his footsteps as he proceeds, according to his knowledge of the laws of the universe, to demonstrate his right to its inheritance. If we accept him as our guide, because enabled to recognize his intelligence, to be by him reformed and truly enlightened, we must begin where the Almighty himself begins to reach the science of his cross, the power of God unto his own salvation, and the culminating demonstration of his love and wisdom. The Almighty sees fit to begin his educational or enlightening work with a simple plumb-line, by which he indicates a perpendicular. He then makes this statement as the first article of the scientific creed of the Theocratic Kingdom and the Church Triumphant:

"A straight line extended at right angles from a perpendicular post, will meet the water or surface of the earth at a distance proportionate to the height of the perpendicular. We have then the plumb-line constituting the radius vector, the chord or rectiline, and the

arc. This figure with its three indisputable elements, comprises the premise for the cosmic structure upon which theology and sociology rest as their eternal firmament."

Mortal men not begotten by the Spirit of Jehovah in the beginning of the age, and who "love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil," are unprepared for the reception of triumphant truth in this the harvest time of the age. The rejectors of the truth constitute the retrogressive sphere of humanity, and must pass through cycles of re-embodiment in subject races, to prepare them as soil for a future seed-time and harvest. Were these powers of darkness to continue in dominion, the disastrous consequences of their evil deeds would devastate the earth, and preclude the possible salvation of any in the flesh.

The flesh has its limits, and sin has its ultimates too grievous to be borne. The Almighty, therefore, provides, by the exercise of his voluntary powers, for the cutting off of the dominion of sin, by enlightenment concerning its true nature. True science reveals the "man of sin" in every mortal,—and the Creator of the Gods in the immortal. The Lord descends with men to their lowest estate, in the operation of his descending energies through their animal life, and is "touched with a feeling of all their infirmities." With divine prescience He descends and defines their limits, and calls a halt in due season, to the exercise of their powers of sensual propagation.

The Lord being the heart or conarium of the universal man, is the first to awake from the sleep of death in mortality, and the first to receive the wine of the divine kingdom,—the strength-giving doctrines of the science of the laws of life and immortality. In the strength of this wine, He shouts the trumpet call to all that are in their graves, to awake to righteousness and sin not. In the strength of this wine, He wars with all the powers of death and hell,—the fallacies of science falsely so called. By the forces of truth, He first conquers and subdues himself, in earth, and then rules and reigns in the heavens of his earthly dominion.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork. The Lord is now in earth, as its conqueror,—and to build in it his Holy Temple. He is laying upon it a measuring rod, a line, and is defining its boundaries. He is here to "make all things new." He is now renewing the minds of men, that they may be transformed to the image and likeness of the Gods, and share with him his inheritance.

We inhabit the earth—the cellular environment of all there is of Deity and of mortal humanity. Deity and mortal humanity are once more brought face to face. No mortal man can see God's face and live. Those who recognize the face of Deity in humanity are fearless, if they love the law; for he but slays to make alive. The "man of sin" must die, that Gods many and Lords many may live forever with their Lord, and establish his righteousness in the earth, making it a fit environment for their age-lasting habitation, and a place and sabbath of rest for the people of God.

Forbidding to Marry.

The Difference Between Voluntary Celibacy of the Koreshans, and the Celibacy Enforced Upon the Wage-Slaves by Poverty.

PROF. O. F. L'AMOREAUX, A. M., PH. D.

And Jesus answering, said unto them, the children of this world [age] marry, and are given in marriage: But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world [age], and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage: Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.—Luke xx: 34-36.

ONE OF THE principal objections to the Koreshan System, is that it teaches celibacy for its inner, its governing body. It is stoutly maintained by some, that we have no right to so teach. Grave legal gentlemen tell us that it is against public policy, which is to encourage rather than discourage the increase of the number of citizens. Recently, a Chicago young man committed suicide because his salary was too small to admit of his marrying the girl to whom he was engaged. Thereupon, the great capitalistic papers began inquiring of the employers of labor, their opinions as to their wage-slaves marrying. The great stores, which mostly give small wages, advised against their employes marrying, whose salaries are too low to support a family. Some employers advised encouraging employes to marry, on the ground that married men make the most reliable wage-slaves, as they will endure more before they will leave or strike; and when their wages alone will not keep them strong enough to work, the feeble energies of the mother, or the feebleness of childhood, may be taxed to keep the slave in working order.

Under the black slavery of the South, the sable maiden was sometimes forced by the lash to submit, that she might add to the wealth of her unfeeling master; but the present slave maiden, white or black, is required by sordid human greed, to submit to what the Grecian maid considered the cruelest of all deprivations—the loss of the joys and sorrows of maternity. It

seems to some people, to make a difference as to *who* forbids to marry. It is all wrong for those who are struggling to reach a higher plane of human life (on which Jesus, their Exemplar, stood), to forbid themselves (as the early Christians did in order to that attainment) the lower marriage; but it is all right for the exploiters of human labor to compass the same end for thousands of the race, *provided it brings them the coveted gold!*

Error is always suicidal; and it needs not the vision of a prophet, to see that such short-sighted folly will soon or later surely destroy itself. Even intelligent selfishness, under the regime of chattel slavery, generally supplied the slave with sufficient nourishing food to keep him strong for labor and the propagation of vigorous offspring; but the exploiter of modern so called free labor, considering only the labor market, which is ruled by himself and his kind, is entirely indifferent as to whether the moiety of the earnings of labor which he gives to the laborer, enables him to live in strength and vigor, or starves and enfeebles him and his offspring, or even prevents him from having any offspring; thus *forbidding* him to marry.

And men coolly reason about these things, not for themselves, nor for their class, but for others, as though they were not men and women, having all the rights that belong to men and women, but as though they were animals of another race, and entirely destitute of human rights. And men who reason thus, and by their acts produce such a state of life for others, yet imagine themselves to be Christians, in spite of the Lord's positive declarations: "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the Law and the Prophets." "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

In the Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.

THE SPIRIT OF WAR is abroad again, spreading from East to West; in hiding during the peace conference, but now speaking in the thunder tones of the cannon, to rebuke the inadequate and abortive peace measures. No sooner had the echoes of The Hague died out, than the nations began preparations for war on an extensive scale. New warships are being constructed by American, European, and Asiatic powers. War clouds are gathering on the national horizons; war is in progress in the Philippines and South Africa; revolutions have broken out in Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, and China. War is expected between Japan and Russia. America has become involved in Chinese affairs, and further international complications are inevitable for the new world-power. A new friendship is springing up between the American government, Great Britain, and Germany, to stand as opposed to the Franco-Russian alliance. The great powers which girt the earth, so far from as-

suming an entirely placid and peaceful attitude, are but looking for some excuse to make war and seize new territory. The British public has become enraged over the pronounced attitude of France in favor of the Boers, and the relations between Britain and France are becoming strained. The keystone in the great arch of European peace is crumbling, and the collapse will precipitate the final reign of terror. International problems, difficulties, jealousies, and imminent war, are not graver than the problems of capital and labor. Oppression is world-wide; the field of labor is as broad as the field of nations. The wealth of nations has been produced by labor. Labor and its products constitute the very foundation of world-powers. The disintegrating elements of discontent on the part of the millions who toil, are at work upon the very pillars of the social and industrial fabric, without which the nations would be powerless and helpless. Every trade under the sun is concentrating and organizing

its forces for a final conflict; every corporation is prepared to resist the power of organized labor. The governments of the world are bound by compacts and indebtedness which they cannot now throw off, and are committed to the money power in the struggle against the mobs. A world-wide revolution is inevitable; the conflicting forces are penciling toward a vortex which will involve all the powers of the old order. When the signal is given, faction will war against faction, power against power, and nation against nation. The present social, industrial, and commercial system is that which relates man to man, and nation to nation, in external affairs; it ties together Gog and Magog, the classes and the masses, the roof and floor, capital and labor, master and slave. The final disruption will be at the very core of competition; and when the struggle begins at the very heart of commerce, factions and nations which depend upon it must fall. THE FLAMING SWORD is not advocating the revolution; we are not inciting the millions to violence and rebellion. We are but sounding the voice of the scientific Prophet of the age. The curses upon the world will culminate in woes, the inevitable birth throes through which the new man, the new age, the new world, will be ushered into existence, rising from the world-wide chaos to the Golden Age of universal peace!

A note of wailing goes up from the Shaker colonies; they are in imminent danger of being wrecked on the rocks of selfishness. Disorder is beginning its reign in hitherto peaceful people—the oldest, strongest, wealthiest, and most influential communists of modern times. Bound together by strong religious ties, with conceptions and customs which have made them a peculiar people, they endured great persecution in the earlier days of their existence. Their religion was founded by Ann Lee, who fled from England to America with a number of followers, in 1774, and who taught celibacy, Christian communism, and separation from the world. They have been successful; they have been happy. They have made great progress in the direction of purity; their life was a rebuke to the many forms of modern sensualism. They have demonstrated that celibacy is conducive to longevity; they conserved an enormous amount of force through their asceticism and self-denial. They once numbered about 6,000 members, having in all seventeen societies, and about fifty-seven communities. They have flourished; but they are now waning, like all other similar communities. It is a remarkable fact that many of these communal societies originated in Europe and emigrated to America. They have performed their work in the line of human progress; their forces were nearing the focal point. But must failure be the fate of all colonies? No. The great religious communities that have practiced celibacy and community of goods, all belong to the bloom of the Tree of Life; they are stamens, which finally yield their pollen to the central stem or pistil of the flower. The stamens wither that the pistil might survive. These societies have waned since the founding of Koreshanity; their forces have concentrated in the Koreshan body; they have merged into the central System, the climax of all celibate and communal societies. When the Shakers ordained the Founder of Koreshanity, they unwittingly and unconsciously transferred all their progressive entities to their final goal. The central spirits of numerous societies have been gathered by the Shepherd of Koreshanity; the ultimate point has been reached, and the Society of societies will succeed!

Modern daily journalism is a menace to human liberty. It sustains every phase of corruption under the sun, and denounces every innovation in the direction of reform. It persecutes every new movement, and places on the rack of public inquisition,

those who would do humanity any real good. The daily press has been the enemy of Koreshanity for years; but thinking people are beginning to contrast the corruptions of modern journalism with the purity of THE FLAMING SWORD. We are not libeling individuals; we are not dragging into our columns the particulars of tragedies that are repulsive; we are not filling the paper with mental offal, nor educating the people in crime. Yellow journalism is sensational for the sake of money; impurities and falsehoods constitute its stock in trade. Reform journalists well know that the daily press is wholly unreliable in its reports concerning the character of Koreshan institutions, and some journals take this view of it. We have to thank the *Independent Reform Press*, Pueblo, Colo., for an article concerning the tyranny of the modern church and press, from which we extract the following: "We shudder to read the harsh words of the *Denver Republican* concerning the work of Dr. Teed, the Koreshan, in Denver, referring to his religious colonies as 'angel factories,' and himself as a fraud. Higher civilization and true religion can look kindly on all religious ideas, even though not accepting them; only bigotry and narrowness attack everything we do not understand."

Edison is not an atheist, but he is an agnostic; he believes there is a God, but he does not know anything about him. He is a modern scientist, but he has discovered nothing that indicates the character of the Almighty. The world generally believes in a supreme Being, but entertains numerous misconceptions as to who, what, and where he is. Has modern science demonstrated the existence of God? It has given no clue to the mysteries of creation, reveals no laws, discovers no functions of the Almighty. The activities of the mineral and vegetable kingdoms are mistaken for God. God is not in the mineral kingdom, except as the mineral kingdom; the vegetable kingdom possesses all the functions in itself necessary to produce its phenomena. Edison says "chemistry undoubtedly proves the existence of a supreme intelligence," and that "after years of watching the processes of nature, I can no more doubt the existence of an intelligence that is running things, than I can doubt my own existence." The conception of God has no premise in the mind of the modern scientist; if it had, logic would lead to inevitable, unvarying, and correct conclusions. Koreshan Science uncovers the mystery of Deity; Alchemy is the key, and the physical cosmos is the great tangible book in which the Almighty has infallibly written the laws of his existence. Modern scientists cannot read the book, because they have distorted the symbols and rendered them illegible.

At last, agnostics are acknowledged to have a god, a god who is an avowed agnostic—one who knows nothing. A number of eulogies of Ingersoll have been published; and since he has moved into the shadows of death, the fogs of imagination have magnified him; and his followers throw about his head a halo of glory. We have before us several attempts at the exaltation of the modern agnostic, contrasting his work with the accomplishments of great men of the past. It is held that he is Spinoza, Voltaire, and Paine in one—a veritable trinity; that he has "unravelling the perplexing skein of myth and mystery of faith, hope, and immortality;" that it has "required a whole century—even in this enlightened age—to produce such a genius as Ingersoll," and that "hundreds of years will elapse before his equal will appear." Ingersoll pointed humanity neither to light nor life. He had no golden threads in his loom of thought, no gilded strands of truth spun by the wheels of human progress. The heights of science were not his; for he was an agnostic. He built up nothing; he was not an architect of thought. He was an iconoclast; he was destructive; he left

nothing more enduring than the wreck and ruin he created in modern theology. He was ignorant of the nature of the Cause of existence; and the ignorant now apotheosize him as a god!

The foundation of all capital is labor and its products. Money can have no other value than that which it represents; and when reduced to its last analysis, it represents labor. Modern money is a fictitious affair, which can be juggled and jumbled in such a way as to deprive the laboring man of all his rights. The corporations trust in money; they trust in what money represents; they form gigantic trusts of the products of labor. Without labor there could be no wealth; without money there could be no millionaires. When the crisis comes to labor, it must inevitably come to capital also. Capital and labor are at war. The great house of industry is divided against itself; and it will fall through a terrible revolution. There is no possible adjustment of the difficulties under the present industrial and commercial system. The world's great lessons of reform must be learned through bitter experience. Capitalists will never volunteer to give back to labor that which has been stolen from labor. The crisis is at hand; the ominous signs of revolution are multiplying. The laboring world is growing impatient and desperate, and the time will come when the hungry millions will form an irresistible mob to devastate the palaces of the money power! Then science, Koreshan Science, will construct a new system of order from the ruins of the old world!

The very heart center of the doctrines of the primitive Christian church was Messianism. Today, the world is afraid of a Messiah, and is rapidly repudiating the idea of the necessity of a Messianic manifestation. Koreshanity is the science of Messianism; it is the science of Christianity. Every dispensation begins with a Messiah—a man anointed to perform the work of the Almighty, and to impulse humanity with superior potencies of divine baptism. Noah was a Messiah, whose system was the light of Egypt; Moses was a Messiah, who gave Israel the law of God; Elijah was a Messiah, and baptized a following; and Jesus was a Messiah, the head of the Christian church. If the modern church can find any other way of introducing the new dispensation, the Golden Age, than through Messianic function, it will improve on the methods of the Almighty for ages past! A Messiah is a tangible man, born into the natural world through functions of maternity; he is not an aerial prodigy. The Messianic tragedy of human history is again to be played on the stage of the world's progress.

An evangelist discusses the subject of the devil, and while holding that both God and the devil are personalities, according to the following quotation it is apparent that he does not know who, what, nor where either one of them is: "But who is the devil, and from whence cometh he? I don't know. I don't know who God is, nor from whence he came." And yet the evangelist will go on in his endeavor to proclaim the "gospel." The church has forgotten the manifestation of God in *his own personality*, nineteen hundred years ago. The New Testament gospel reveals not only who God was, but also whence he came, and whither he went. The personality of God is tangible, and in the human world when manifest—so tangible that the disciples of Jesus "handled him who is the Word of Life." The disciples of Jesus knew God; they were personally acquainted with him who was God made flesh, the Creator of the universe. But modern Christians, in answer to the question, Who is God? say, "I don't know"! They are equally ignorant concerning the devil; they overlook themselves!

A little labor crisis is threatening in Chicago, as a result of considerable tyranny and despotism on the part of both the labor unions and the corporations. Constructive work in the

western metropolis has been brought almost to a standstill by numerous ultimatums, which have passed between the building trades and the contractors; and the latter have decided that after January 1, 1900, six principal restrictions of the labor unions will be ignored. In other words, it will be an endeavor on the part of the contractors to dispense with union labor as far as possible, and to reserve the right to employ thousands of worthy workmen who are without employment, and who are not bound to strike at the word of labor agitators.

The newspapers speculate concerning the food of the future. The chemists are at work condensing foods and compressing them in the form of tablets and wafers, so that a man may carry an entire meal in his vest pocket. We have before us illustrations of a seven-course meal, consisting of tablets of condensed egg, chocolate, mineral water, milk, meat pills, and pudding. It is said that a man may eat in this way in five minutes with greater benefit than by remaining at the table two hours in the employment of the old method. It might be beneficial to the trusts if people adopted this plan, instead of living off the fresh products of the farm and dairy!

Dr. De Costa, a New York clergyman, leaves the Episcopal church. He is sick of its hypocrisies, and of the corruptions of Christendom. He views the great Reformation as productive of about 130 daughters of the mother church, which are now full of skepticism and infidelity. If every preacher had the moral courage of this clergyman, the mask would be quickly torn from the old church! He says: "With my views of the situation, to remain would be immoral. Its discipline is dead. Ecclesiastical police protection shelters the preacher of untruth. The Episcopal body is afflicted, not with a case of simple blood-poisoning, but with ineradicable leprosy!"

The earth is the only physical world; the heavens mean "heaved up things,"—substances levitated from the earth, not on the outside, but inside the great cell. The occult atmospheres are within the great environ or firmament. To say that the physical heavens are full of physical earths, is equivalent to saying that the human mind is full of human bodies, as large as the body that contains the mind! Just as the physical body of man is the pediment or foundation of all mental activities, so the material cell of the cosmos is the foundation of its correlated energies within the hollow.

True science is the light of the mind, the Lamp to guide the feet of the Almighty at the foot of the dispensation of Pisces, which corresponds to the feet. That light is Koreshanity. Emotion must give place to reason: the will must be guided by the intellect. The secret of genuine culture and ethics is contained in the scientific guide of the human mind. In its light, morals become rational, religion scientific, governments just, industry and commerce equitable, and humanity happy!

Celibacy is the opposite of sensualism and prostitution; it conserves the highest energies of human existence—the energies of life itself. Koreshans hold *life* in common, as well as the goods of life. The Koreshan Alchemy of life defines the uses of conserved life. Conserved sex energy is the "hidden manna," which is absolutely necessary for the coming seasons of invigoration of humanity. The potencies of life itself must overcome death. The utilization of these potencies is Messianic.

Man and cosmos are analogous in form and function. By comparative anatomy, the great System of the Koreshan Cosmogony was constructed. Koreshan Science of the universe is scientific; its conclusions are reached through laws of logical analysis, analogy, and synthesis. Its premise is demonstrated, and all its scientific definitions are corroborated by facts of as-

tronomy, alchemy, philology, ethnology, mythology, history, and Bibles.

The eternal pediment or footstool of all activities, the foundation and outermost expression of all life, is the natural cosmos; and the foundation of all truth, in all domains, is the science of that pediment,—the physical universe.

It is conceded by all Christians, that Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Jacob—that a Messiah should come through the lineage of Judah. But when is the prophecy of the Shepherd from Joseph to be fulfilled, and how?

What is the chief end of man? With some it is the "big head;" with others it is failure and disaster; with those who know how to obey scientific truth and laws, it is success in their aspiration to become Gods.

"All is good, there is no evil," is equivalent to saying that the universe could exist with but one pole. Every pole has its opposite pole; everything has its antithet.

The current belief is that man obtains his freedom when he dies. If this were true, the masses could not object to giving the Filipinos their liberty *via* death!

Every attempt of the economic quacks to apply their reme-

dies to the diseased social and industrial system, has only increased the difficulty.

A paradox: Division is multiplication; as the Christian sects have divided, they have multiplied in number.

No one should search for the truth, who does not possess the moral courage to follow and obey it when found.

Those who go into "the silence," should endeavor to get away from the voice of the seven thunders!

The visions of prophets are the dreams of the Almighty, which become real when God awakes.

The Almighty writes his own history and laws in the world of his creation.

Thanksgiving reminds us of the fact that the millionaires are gobblers!

Prophets look into the future; historians peer into the past.

Momentous questions are not to be settled in a moment.

The fallacies of the world are mental mirages.

The British have carried the war into Africa.

There can be but one eternal universe.

The world is *waste* deep in trouble.

Editorial Discussions and Miscellany.

THE EDITOR.

Koreshan Science and the Bible.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—The religion of Koreshanity is almost entirely new to me; and being what is known as an infidel, I am very anxious to learn your views of the Bible. I think the CELLULAR COSMOGONY is a splendid work, but I cannot see how KORESH gets such an infallible connection between it and the Bible. Perhaps if I understood the Bible better, I might more plainly see the connection. The orthodox people of this country have thoroughly disgusted me with the Bible; but I think perhaps Koreshanity offers greater inducements for people to accept it. I am not seeking a new religion because I am afraid to die; I do not expect to find the revengeful and merciless God that so many people are afraid to meet.—A. L. A., Hico, Tex.

The Koreshan view of the Bible is the scientific view; Koreshanity interprets the Bible from a scientific standpoint. We accept the Bible, not credulously, because it has been revered for centuries, but because we find it to be the best written expression of the laws of Cause, as operative in the great cosmos. The Bible teaches the Cellular Cosmogony; and when we demonstrate that Koreshan Astronomy is true, we demonstrate that the Bible is scientifically correct. The ancients understood the laws of the universe. The Bible uses the symbols of the sun, moon, planets, stars, and the earth from beginning to end. It begins with an account of the processes of creation; and the "infallible connection" between the Bible and the Cellular Cosmogony, is the inevitable rela-

tion of the physical universe and the truth couched in the language of symbology.

The orthodox interpretation of the Bible is irrational and silly; the entire world is becoming disgusted with church foolishness, and no people are more thoroughly disgusted with orthodox fallacies than the Koreshans. Permit us to suggest a helpful thought or two regarding the Bible. Worthless literature does not survive the test of ages. Ancient literature is valuable and true; but no ancient literature can be understood except through possession of the same mind that expressed it. The work of writing the Bible covered a period of over 2000 years; and yet through the entire compilation of the books which comprise the Bible, there is harmony. The great line of persistence running through it, is the expression of the great line of life of Deity as it has come down through humanity. The Bible is the language of that life as it is operative in the human world. The Bible does not directly refer to the external world; but it uses external symbols to illustrate activities, functions, and relations in humanity, which *correspond* to the physical world. It contemplates the world of mind and of life.

The Bible teaches the alchemy of life; its doctrines of immortality are as simple in generals and as complex in details, as the laws of seed-sowing and harvest.

Periodically, there develops from humanity a higher kingdom, a higher order of men, the perfect race. The entire trend of the Bible is but the symbolic tracing through the ages, of the various experiences of the divine entities in death and in life, in the heavens and in the hells of humanity.

It may require much study for the investigator to get the correct idea; the laws of correspondence must be understood. Koreshanity is the unveiling of the Bible, as well as the revelation of the cosmos. No man can read the Bible understandingly, who does not comprehend the universe and the laws of its perpetuity. This means that the *mind* that expressed itself in the Bible must be possessed by the reader. Primarily, the Bible is for the God-man, not for the people at large. It is written only for those who can comprehend; it does the others no good.

Jesus understood the Bible in the philosophic degree; and after him, the disciples into whom he went. The Founder of Koreshanity understands the Bible in the *scientific* degree, for the reason that the life and truth which came in Jesus, and were expressed in the soul of his following, have descended into the external mind, the intellect. Knowledge has become scientific; and the Bible is interpreted rationally. Nineteen hundred years ago, it was understood through an interior sense.

The idea of a future life outside of humanity is a fallacy. Life at the present time was *future* a century ago. There is no hell remote from the world of man as it exists today. The coming judgment is to be in this world; judgment was in the world in the visitation upon the Jews in the destruction of the Jewish nation and capital. Heaven is in the righteous man, and hell is in the sensual man. The righteous man is in heaven, and the sensual man is in hell. The true interpretation of life and the resurrection, is that of re-embodiment and reincarnation,—the laws of reproduction. There is no other habitat for man than the earth in which we live.

Surveying a Straight Line.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I am hearing some very smart people come to such entirely opposite conclusions concerning things, that I am beginning to be as wise as the average ignoramus. My trouble has been to see how such an infinitesimal error as less than 40 millionths of an inch in twelve feet, could be detected and eliminated in running a straight line. Can you not materialize the base and air lines, and by measuring, determine the difference in length, and so prove the earth's contour? Koreshans might run the upper line, and the outside inhabitants the lower line, so there would be no danger but both lines would be perfectly taut. I really think that a proof like this that could be seen without much thinking would suit quite well. You might prevent softening of the brain in the minds of many from too hard study!—M. A. P., Antioch, O.

We can conceive of nothing simpler in geometry or mechanics than right angles; nothing simpler in geodetic survey than the relations of horizontal and vertical, or the extension of a rectiline from the vertical point of a perpendicular. It is certainly simple enough in diagram; and it seems to us that there could be nothing simpler in the line of demonstration, direct and positive, than the survey of a straight line in relation to a curved surface.

Your trouble has been to see how such an infinitesimal error as 40 millionths of an inch in 12 feet could be detected and eliminated. In the trial survey, covering a distance of 456 feet (228 feet and return), we covered the starting point, a fine line under the microscope. 40 millionths of an inch liability to error was eliminated in that survey, was it not? Our "trouble" has been to see what force or cause could conspire to produce errors all one way, so as to cause a general departure in one direction from a rectiline course. Infinitesimal errors of adjustment would in time neutralize each other. Any deviation from true right angles in the Rectilineator

itself, the apparatus employed in the survey, were obviated by the system of reversals.

The base line of our survey was material—as material as the Almighty could make it—earth and water; and it lies there today, as the material curve of the earth, the tangible arc. We substantially materialized the air line through successive adjustments of the Rectilineator, and by leaving the record of the air line on each tide staff at intervals of eighths of a mile; and we have published the results. But perhaps you mean that comparative measurements of the length of chord and arc should be made. The difference in the length of the chord surveyed and the arc of the earth's curvature for the space of eight miles, would be only a matter of inches. The same difficulty to see how such a small error as 40 millionths of an inch could be detected and eliminated in making the measurements from beginning to end of both arc and chord over the distance of four miles, would meet you, the same as in the other process; for to be able to make such measurements, not only would an air line have to be surveyed, the same as ours, but also accurate adjustments of an apparatus, end to end, for the purpose of making the measurements.

The Editor of THE FLAMING SWORD has gone over all these particulars; he was present with others, on the field of actual geodetic survey; but no such difficulties present themselves to us as to others; and we are in position to come in contact with a greater number of objections and criticisms than can possibly be suggested to minds not directly connected with the central vortex of agitation on this subject. The various *conflicting* objections and conclusions received from scores of critics, who observe our work from a distance, wholly unacquainted with many of the particulars, constitute a positive proof that many of the objections are illogical and without weight; the contradictions militate against the accuracy of the distant speculations, as we have shown in "Echoes of the Geodetic Survey," in the CELLULAR COSMOGONY.

Positive Evil and the Money Power.

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—I am surprised that a journal edited with the ability which indubitably lies behind THE FLAMING SWORD, should so persistently refer to the "money power." There is no money power. The only positive force in existence is right doing. All that troubles the world is that we do not do well enough. If we acknowledge any other positive force than right-doing, we must acknowledge the supremacy of evil over good. Both cannot be supreme. To regard evil doing as a positive or causative influence, is to "resist evil." Evil is a pure negation,—an effect.—J. T. R. G., Des Moines, Ia.

The ability that lies behind THE FLAMING SWORD is the result of strict adherence to certain demonstrated fundamentals of Koreshan Science, and the application of logic from the fundamentals to correct conclusions. The letter from which the above extracts were taken, contains conclusions from a false premise—that there is nothing positive but good. That "the love of money is the root of all evil," is true, not simply because it is a Scripture statement, but because it is scientific. That root is the positive pole of all evil. All thought is substance; love is the substance of desire. The love of money is a substance which, when generated in the positive will and transmuted to the various complex degrees of mind, and finally to muscular, physical, and mechanical energies, is sufficiently potent to move millions of human beings in the wrong direction, in all the pursuits and activities of life. It turns the wheels of commerce, moves railway trains and steamships, and produces all the activities of industry. There is *power* there; and today, in the domains of sex, the church, and secular commerce, it is the most potent power active in humanity. It is *supreme*; and it is correctly termed the money power.

It is true, that both good and evil cannot be supreme at the same time; but it does not follow that good is always supreme, or that it is always positive. In the present order of the world, evil is absolutely positive. Hell has its positive pole here in the natural world of humanity; and in the modern man, evil is positive and good is negative. In the order of human progress, God and the devil exchange places; the Almighty enters hell, and the devil gets into heaven, and God is driven to his extremity. Evil is positive until it is overcome and succeeded by good.

Modern science is responsible for some common fallacies. One is, that darkness is simply the absence of light; that cold is the absence of heat,—nothing more. This is not true. Cold is just as real as heat; it is the opposite of heat. Suppose for instance, we were at the north pole, where cold is intense. Reasoning (or failing to reason, rather) on the same line as the above, we might say: "There is no cold here at the north pole, for cold is not real—it is negative. The trouble with those who are freezing to death, is that they are not warm enough. The only real, positive state is heat. If we acknowledge that cold is real, we must acknowledge the supremacy of cold over heat, for both cold and heat cannot be supreme. If we regard cold as an actual state or cause of

the sensations of cold in ourselves, we resist cold."

It is self-evident that where cold reigns, where darkness prevails, that cold and darkness are supreme then and there; and it would not change the situation a particle, to deny that cold and darkness are real. Cold and darkness have their poles in the physical universe, just as heat and light have their poles. The same is true in humanity. Hate is the opposite of love, and can be exercised with an intensity equal to that of love. The powers of good and evil succeed each other in supremacy, as day and night alternate in the physical world. "The devil hath the power of death;" death reigns supreme until the Almighty becomes able to destroy death. Then life becomes supreme, and good becomes positive.

Concavities on a Convex Earth?

EDITOR FLAMING SWORD:—Thanks for the CELLULAR COSMOGONY, which I received and read, but do not find convincing. Indeed, as a pure uniist, knowing the absolute truth, how could dualism convince me of anything? Your geodetic experiments being taken upon the superficial concavities of the earth's exterior convex crust, are worthless. In proportion to the comparatively immense size of the earth, they are very trivial, and do not disturb the fact of its convexity at all. The irregular concavities on the surface of an orange do not militate against its convexity as a whole, do they? Your air line was too low to accurately demonstrate the true contour of the earth's surface. The whole surface of the earth is covered with superficial concavities, and on this fact was based your experiments, and on it rests your inadequate proof of the supposition of the concavity as a whole.—R. J. B., Pueblo, Colo.

It was *assumed* centuries ago, before any attempts were made whatever to prove the assumption, that the surface on which we live is convex; and on that basis the entire system of modern astronomy has been predicated. It is *assumed* in the above, as a last resort to explain away the Koreshan Geodetic Survey, and to evade the Koreshan conclusions of the earth's concavity, that there are concavities on the convex earth! Assumptions are plentiful and cheap, and the world is full of them. There are no *proofs* that the earth is concavo-convex on one and the same surface at the same time; and it is noticeable that none are offered in the above.

If the earth were convex, its water surface would be regularly convex, everywhere at right angles to the plumb-line. Everywhere, the horizon has the same apparent dip, and vessels disappear at given distances from given altitudes of observation, under given meteorological conditions. The earth is concave; and the water's surface of that concavity, which comprises the inner surface of the

great shell, is regular, possessing a given ratio of curvature. In one part of the world we have conducted a test of the earth's surface, and have demonstrated the concavity of the earth at that point, or the concave curvature of the meridian arc on the west coast of Florida; in the above, it is admitted that it is concave *there*; and that the air line was low enough and high enough to determine quite a concavity in the vicinity of Naples! Now what conspired to select a concavity, with a ratio of curvature of 8 inches to the mile? What produced the concavity of Lake Michigan, and other waters over which specific observations have been made? Why, the fact of the universal concavity!

The Koreshan air line was not too low to determine the concavity of the arc surveyed; here we have direct and positive proof of concavity of that point, in demonstration of the analogical conclusion that the universe is a cell, in conformity with the law of all life. As against these *proofs*, the assumption without proof that there are superficial concavities on a convex earth, has no weight. Thinking people desire *proofs*; idle speculations have had their day, and the orange earth is vanishing; but the living orange remains, with the life on the inside of the rind! Every living organic structure is specifically cellular, with correlate functions, with inherent life on the *inside* of the structure. Such is the physical universe; it is the outermost expression and pediment of its interior life.

Promiscuous Replies.

If all men and women were to become celibates on Koreshan principles, would the race become extinct; or would virginal conception take place, resulting in the production of sinless, immortal, beings?—P. A. C.

Suppose humanity were to go on multiplying for the next one thousand years, at the same ratio that it has increased during the past century, how many human beings would there be in the world? Overproduction is counterbalanced through celibacy. The maximum and the minimum of humanity obtain according to law. The universe has existed from all eternity, and periodically there is a tendency to celibacy and to conservation of life; but celibacy has never yet depopulated the world! The fact is, that through celibacy the energies of life are conserved and utilized. Suppose the cells of a plant continued to multiply indefinitely; would the seed ever be formed? Without the seed, there could be no perpetuity of the life of the plant. The perpetuity of the human race depends upon its seasons of invigoration, or processes of souling-up.

There are never more celibates at any one time than are necessary to make up the 144,000 sons of God. There could not be. The aspirations of the human world are not high enough; each stratum of humanity has its own plane of equipoise. Do not excuse sensualism on the ground of the supposition that purity might ruin the universe!

By what authority do you say that "the wife of Adam was the church of Adam"? You say "Adam did not beget children through sensualism." Is not that acknowledging that he had a wife, and that children were born to them—literally, as we speak today?—P. A. C.

We speak by the authority of Koreshan Science, the science of Messianic function. Adam was a Messiah at a period in the world's progress which corresponded to the time of Jesus nineteen hundred years ago. Jesus was both bride and bridegroom; so was Adam. When Adam fell asleep, the woman was developed out of him. Jesus fell asleep during the Christian dispensation, and the Bride, the Lamb's wife, has been in process of development. Their children will be the 144,000 immortal sons of God, and they will not be produced through common sensual generation. The old idea that Adam and Eve were the first human beings that ever lived in the universe, and began the multiplication of a mortal race, is a fallacy of the modern church,—the product of ignorance. Jesus was the first-born of all creation; and yet when he lived, there were millions of people in the world; and there were millions of people in existence when the Adam of Genesis existed. Adam was a Son of God, the same as Jesus was; both were virgins, unmarried in the usual sense of possessing a separate or objective wife.

It is perfectly safe to look to Christ for assistance, in preference to any other, at least until we have proof of a better man than he is, that can be trusted with the affairs of God and men.—P. P.

The same sentiments were expressed nineteen hundred years ago; the Jews thought that it was perfectly safe to look to Moses after he had been *invisible* for fifteen hundred years! Jesus was a man nineteen hundred years ago; he possessed a personality; but where has he been during the age? When we speak of a *man*, we refer to a personality or being in the *human world*, not in the sky, nor in the atmosphere. If the assistance of Jesus is available today, where is he, and how can you reach him? There are no *men* outside of humanity. The man entrusted with the affairs of God and men at the end of this age, is in the line of human progress from Jesus to the present time, and possesses both prophetic and scien-

tific credentials. The Almighty will honor his own Prophet, referred to in Genesis xlix: 22; Isa. xlv: 28; xlv: 1, whether you do or not.

We have been reading THE FLAMING SWORD for about nine years, and like it better than any other paper we have ever read, although we do not understand it all. What do you think of Weltmer's magnetic healing?—Mrs. L. E. M.

The so called Weltmer system does not impress us favorably. Weltmer is advertising extensively, and the system has the appearance of a money-making scheme. It is called "magnetic healing," though the process is the same as that employed by hundreds of others in the mental healing business. There is no science in it. See reply in last week's issue, under head of "An Alleged Fountain of Youth." Glad you like THE FLAMING SWORD, and trust that it may continue to do you good.

Is Koreshanity an occult system?—A.B.

No; it is science, mystery uncovered, the occult revealed and made external. The time has come when hidden things are made known. God becomes external, and illumines the intellect. Koreshanity is the scientific solution of both the natural and the spiritual world. It is the light of the external world of humanity. The pole of mental darkness is now in the occult; modern occultism proceeds from the dark pole.

If there are never more than 144,000 sons of God at one time, who are they that constitute the "great multitude that no man can number"?—S. H.

They are the angels contained in the 144,000 sons of God; they are entities redeemed from all nations. They correspond to the "innumerable company of angels" in Jesus, who contained not only the angels, but the church of the first-born, and millions of spirits of just men made perfect.

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In the Field of Koreshan Propaganda.

Weekly Synopsis of Topics Discussed by Koreshan Lecturers.

Koreshan Hall, 316 W. 63d St., Chicago.

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 16.—Lecture by KORESH. The subject for the evening was Cycles. The speaker prefaced his address by a few remarks upon the necessity for a true comprehension of time markings or cycles. The Zodiac in the heavens is the great clock of the universe; the passing of the sign through one constellation of the Zodiac marks the duration of a 2000-year cycle. From Abraham till the time of Christ constituted a cycle; and given the length of one such period, it is easy to determine the duration of the suc-

ceeding one. Every cycle terminates in the manifestation of its Messiah; as nineteen hundred years ago, Jesus the Christ appeared. But he was to come again "in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." How will this be? Take for illustration, a man (blind from birth) who has suddenly recovered his sight. Never having seen the sun rise, he is told that it will come as it went. Consequently, he stands gazing into the West for the re-appearance of the sun. This is precisely what the orthodox church is doing in looking for the coming of the Lord. How did he "go" in the beginning of the Christian dispensation? He was born into the world, grew to maturity, and was translated. So also will he come again in this age of the world.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 3 P. M.—Sermon by Rev. Berthaldine. The entire discourse may be summed up as an exhortation to self-sacrifice and devotion to the Koreshan cause.

MONDAY EVENING, NOV. 20.—Lecture by Prof. Morrow, on Astronomy. The Atomic Theory, or "the indestructible atom," was utterly annihilated by the Professor. It was shown that matter and energy are interconvertible. Matter of one kind cannot be transformed to matter of another kind, without first being reduced to energy, and vice versa,—the highest form of intelligence being that in which the atoms have undergone the greatest amount of experience in various embodiments.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOV. 15.—Lecture by Prof. Morrow, on Astronomy. This lecture was a continuation of the subject of the previous week, viz: the generally accepted proofs of the earth's convexity. A brief account was given of modern geodetic surveys; their purposes and methods. The Koreshan Geodetic Survey is the only one which has ever demonstrated the true contour of the earth. Astronomers admit that as yet there has not been produced one absolute proof of the earth's convexity. The great Copernican system was constructed several centuries ago, and today the scientific world is still looking for a foundation upon which to rest it. It would be equally absurd to erect an immense building without previously determining a solid foundation upon which to rear the superstructure.

Strangers present were invited to bring forward one absolute proof of convexity, thus saving Koreshans a deal of hard work in the promulgation of their Cosmogony. No proof being offered, we still adhere to the earth's concavity.

City Street Meetings, Conducted by Mr. W. R. Wallace, at Flaming Sword Wagon.

SUNDAY EVENING, NOV. 19.—Cor. State and Quincy Sts. Our street meetings continue with unabated interest, and as the weather continues favorable, we are having a large attendance.

The address for the evening (like many of our recent street lectures) was confined more specifically to the Koreshan premise, and some of the fundamental teachings of the System.

The character of our street audiences is so changeable (people constantly coming and going), that it is found advisable to hammer away at first principles, thus constantly interesting new minds, and bring-

ing Koreshan literature before the people. The speaker alluded to an article in the Chicago Tribune of the same date, in which astronomy was spoken of as "a sealed book," many of its conclusions being erroneous. Interesting discussions followed the close of the meeting.

Koresh in New Orleans, La.

The Crescent City promises to be a fruitful field for Koreshan propaganda work. Upon urgent invitation by telegram, the Founder of Koreshanity has gone to New Orleans for a short time, and will deliver a series of lectures on Koreshan Universology while there. During the past several weeks, Rev. E. M. Castle, an able and eloquent disciple of KORESH, has been actively promulgating Koreshanity amongst the people of New Orleans, and much interest has been aroused. We are expecting some interesting and encouraging reports of the work of KORESH and Rev. Castle from the South, for publication in this department. The New Orleans daily press has already had something to say concerning the unique System of Koreshanity, and no doubt much more will be published, now that KORESH himself may be interviewed.

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Our outlook upon the world now is vastly different from our former one. All prejudices,—racial, national, and religious, are simply engulfed in the fulness of the Truth which we have received. Life, that seemed so dull and prosaic, is now alive with new thoughts, new desires, new opportunities! Hitherto, we had been so enwrapped in our selfish individual life, that we could not see the beauties of the Undiscovered Country lying all around us!

But now, we possess the key which unlocks the gate leading into the city! Is it any wonder that we progress slowly? Our eyes must grow accustomed to the New Light. What a magnifier that Light is! keener than the most powerful microscope ever constructed! Through it we look out upon the world and see all things in their true aspects, relegated to their proper spheres. Things that are classed as great, how utter is their insignificance, and the so called foolish things, how supreme is their elevation!

Books which we once enjoyed reading, have become utterly distasteful; they are not worth the paper on which they are printed, for the substance is dead, and we Koreshans are abounding in life! But nothing is so interesting to us as the human world. Character study is pursued

on a different basis, and with a different motive. We treat the people we meet with a sort of reverent tenderness, knowing God's purposes for the race. The humblest and poorest are those on which we lavish our most thoughtful consideration, because we know that they must gather all the experience they can from the hardships of their present existence.

Their position in life is of minor importance to us, for in other incarnations the conditions may have been reversed, and they may have been the lofty and we the lowly!

We bear patiently with the mean prejudices, misunderstandings, and petty spites which are so trying to those without our range of vision. We are in the world and yet not of it. Looking down from a plane where these trials cannot move us, no more than they can move the everlasting hills, we think with pity of those who blindly pursue their erring way.

"Can these dry bones live?" we exclaim with the Prophet, and our inward consciousness answers "Yes, when they have fulfilled the period of death and are ready to receive life!"—A KORESHAN.

A Russellite Admires The Flaming Sword, and Investigates Koreshanity.

Four years ago I first heard of Koreshanity, and met its leader, KORESH, in Allegheny, Pa. At that time I was a Spiritualist—afterward, a disciple of C. T. Russell, editor of *Zion's Watch Tower*. In the course of events I drifted out West, and finally, in March, 1897, I located in this vicinity. I took up the study of religion and the Bible, via "Millennial Dawn," the *Watch Tower*, and various other religious books and papers, and finally obtained a copy of *THE FLAMING SWORD*. That was last November. Well, it was all new to me, and lots of it "Greek." I was afraid of its doctrine, *i. e.* another Savior. I had reached the point where I accepted C. T. Russell's exposition of the Scriptures as almost infallible. I could not accept his statement, however, that some things come by chance, without regard to a well-defined law, nor could I swallow his idea of predestination in this age, and free grace in the next. It seemed to me there were predestination and free grace in every age. I was beginning to believe that every man was an actor on the stage of life—playing his own part.

As I stated before, I received a copy of *THE FLAMING SWORD*, and afterward, its library of tracts and the *CELLULAR COSMOGONY*. I read and reread them, and then subscribed for the paper. Since taking *THE SWORD*, have studied its contents every week. I have both believed and doubted the System. I find that it is the hardest thing in the world to get away from some of my preconceived ideas and opinions, or, in other words, to get these old ideas and opinions away from me. But this I do cling to, that if the account of the survey made on the west coast of Florida is true, then the Science of Koreshanity is the ex-

pression of truth and life through its Founder, KORESH. I would like to see an "air line" run myself.

I like your doctrine of purity, of celibacy, your equitable commerce, the good language used in the editing of *THE SWORD*, its make up, and every good thing you have. I present Koreshanity for inspection whenever I have an opportunity; but here among these people, I find very few who can comprehend it, while the many look upon me as a crank for holding to such views. The articles in *THE SWORD* by KORESH, I think are grand, and the "Editorial Perspective" contains the best gotten-up paragraphs I ever read.—J. W. E.

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The World's News.

Nov. 15.—Gen. Logan killed in battle with the Filipinos.—Aguinaldo eludes Americans, and escapes capture; removes his capital again.—Thousands of English soldiers land in South Africa.—Anti-buck-et-shop crusade in Chicago discovers fraudulent and illegal business conducted by McLain Bros. & Co., commission merchants and members of the board of trade.—Clouds obscure meteors; astronomers disappointed.—Turmoil in French chamber of deputies.—Italian parliament opens.—Labor troubles in Chicago.—Strikes in Switzerland.—Revolution promised in Spain.—Nov. 16.—Portuguese government objects to use of Delagoa Bay, African east coast, by British.—Steamship *Patria* burned near Dover; passengers rescued by Russian steamer *Ceres*.—Federal officers arrest McLain firm in Chicago.—European nations express sympathy for the Boers.—U. S. navy department purposes employing Marconi system of wireless telegraphy.—Free press suppressed in Australia; publishers of daily press imprisoned for criticizing English administration.—Nov. 17.—More Boer successes reported; wreck an English armored train and capture soldiers.—Aerolite falls at Crescent City, Ia.; another near Baraboo, Wis.—Filipino campaign being pushed into north Luzon.—N. Y. horse-show in full blast.—British warship goes to Persian gulf to protect ports against the Russians.—Kurds massacring Armenians again.—Nov. 18.—Evangelist Moody prostrated at Kansas City, Mo.—Kentucky state election not decided yet; trouble and riots expected; Taylor doubtless elected governor.—Murders, suicides, and robberies on the increase in Chicago.—Closing of South African diamond mines throws 100,000 diamond cutters and other workmen out of employment in Belgium.—Emperor leaves Germany for visit to England.—Earthquake in Cuba.—Nov. 19.—Boers are repulsed at Estcourt, Natal; Boer forces massing about Ulundi to prevent English reinforcements reaching Ladysmith.—Case of bubo arrives at New York.—Mass-meetings in Chicago of Irish-Americans pass resolutions favoring the Boers and denouncing the Brit-

ish.—Coal-mine strike threatening at Indianapolis, Ind.—Nov. 20.—South African war news not encouraging to the English; serious situation apparent; long and bloody war promised.—Transvaal war increases price of American leather.—Meteors alarm negroes in the South.—Hungary seeks independence; desires separation from Austria.—Japan appropriates \$300,000,000 for war preparations.—New gold, silver, and copper fields discovered in Peru.—Nov. 21. Gompers declares that the trusts are beneficial to labor; may change the tone of the labor press!—Evelyn Adams, New York authoress, dies of starvation.—Mexicans vigorously fighting the Yaquis Indians.—German emperor received with much ceremony by Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle.

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The Failure of the Leonids.

The Chicago Tribune Deplores the Failure of Astronomers and Says "Astronomy is a Sealed Book."

The *Tribune* is more than ever convinced it was right when it hesitated to accept the confident statements of some astronomers that a spectacular display was to be made last week in the region of Leo, and that the Leonids would turn out in force for a great autumn festival. The *Tribune's* reserved statement was not made upon the basis of superior knowledge, for it frankly confesses astronomy is a sealed book to it, and that it has no hard and fast policy in matters celestial. It is always ready to "restudy" the case where heavenly phenomena are concerned. It made its assertions conditionally, realizing the errancy of human calculations and the uncertainty of everything above our heads—a lesson which the haughty prophet in the Auditorium tower might take to heart as illustrating the dangers of cocksurety.

When the doctors disagree, the layman should be modest in his statements. Several reputable astronomers now assert that the few meteors seen by observers were not members of the Leonid stream, but ordinary old shooting stars such as may be seen most any time, and that the real Leonid festival will not be celebrated until the fall of 1900, which certainly will be a more fitting time, as it will help illuminate the windup of the century with a display of pyrotechnics, if it should come off at that time. The only comment the *Tribune* feels like making, and it makes it shrinkingly, is that it is curious some of the astronomers should have been a year out of the way in their calculations.

To the generality of mankind it will make no essential difference whether the show comes off in 1899 or 1900. The observers have been at some expense for their photographing outfits, and undoubtedly many curious people have lost several hours of sleep sitting up to watch for the grand Leonid procession.—Chicago *Tribune*.

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A Hollow Sphere.

A Book Which Claims This For the Earth, is Now in Circulation.

In a book entitled *CELLULAR COSMOGONY*, or "The Earth a Concave Sphere," published in Chicago last year by KORESH, (Cyrus R. Teed), well known here as the father of Artist Teed, the assertion is pos-

itively made that the earth, instead of being a convex sphere, is a concave sphere with the people living inside. The pages of the book, which is now being circulated in this city, are devoted to an endeavor to prove the correctness of this strange assertion. There is a profusion of diagrams purporting to demonstrate the theory.

Following is a selection from the opening chapter, which is described as being only a descriptive outline of the "alchemico-organic cosmos."

"The earth is a concave sphere, the ratio of curvature being eight inches to the mile, thus giving a diameter of eight thousand, and a corresponding circumference of about twenty-five thousand miles. This fact is physically and mechanically demonstrated by placing a perpendicular post at any point on the surface of the earth—though it were better to place it by the side of a surface of water—and extending a straight line at right angles from this perpendicular. The line thus extended will strike the surface at any distance proportionate to the height of the vertical post."

The diagrams and photographic representations, as well as the printed text, are evidently the result of considerable study on the part of a scientifically inclined person, and while in some parts obtuse, the subject can be followed by an intelligent reader, with much interest. If the series of experiments by the "Koreshan Geodetic Expedition" on the Gulf of Mexico were made and the results are correctly reported (as is attested by a number of depositions, under oath), serious minded men will be likely to regard the theory as at least plausible, if not authentic. The book apparently strikes at every conventional argument or apparent cause for the belief in the convexity of the earth's surface. Allusions of the Bible to the earth are put forth as being in perfect accord with the Koreshan theory.—Binghamton (N. Y.) *Evening Herald*.

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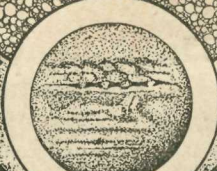
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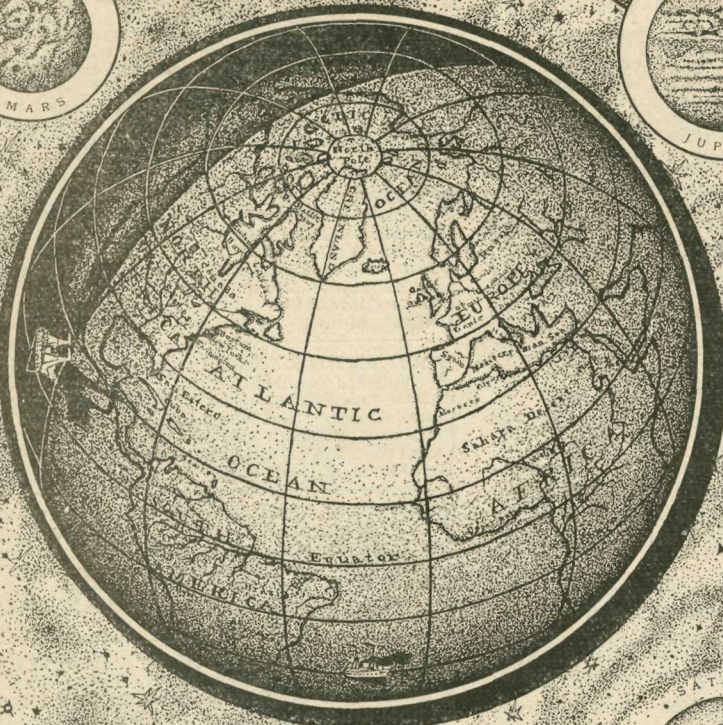
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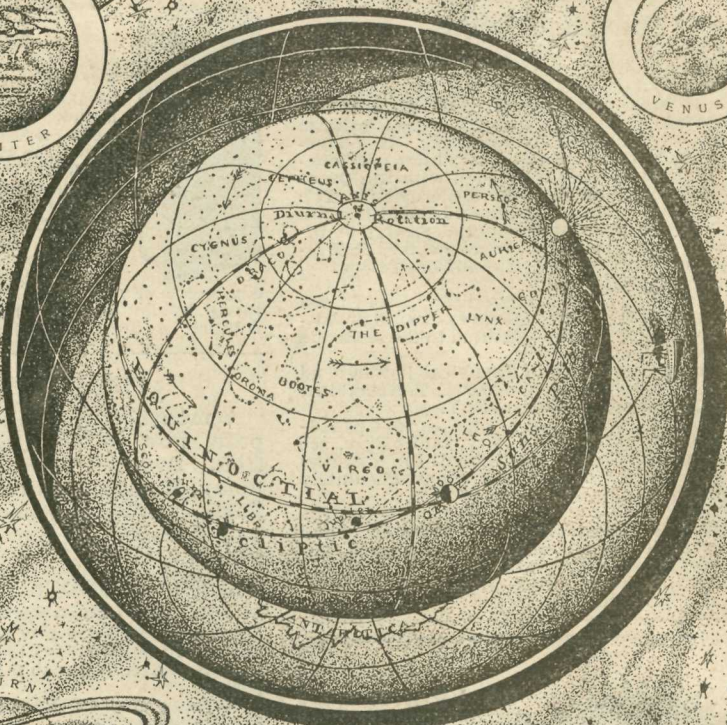
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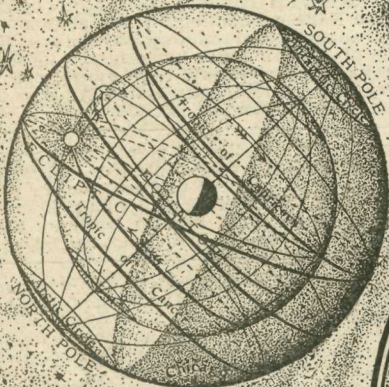
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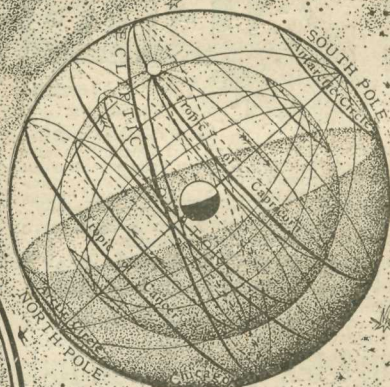
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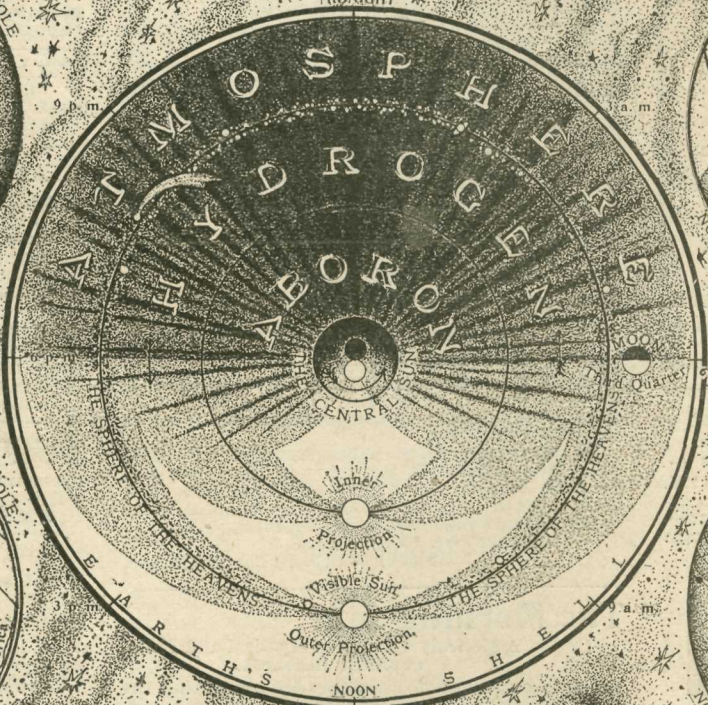
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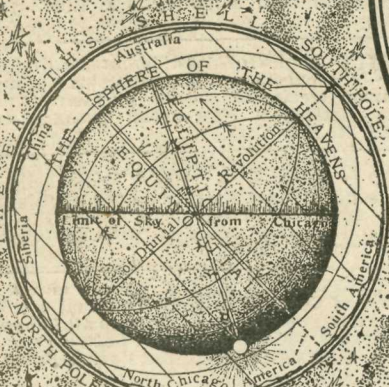


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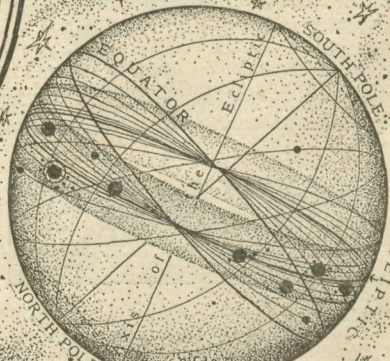


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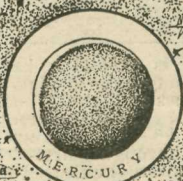
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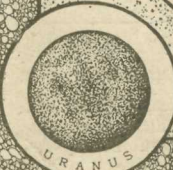


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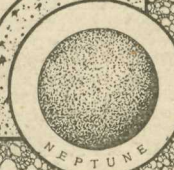
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